

HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS



PARISHES OF
BRANSTON : CROXTON KERRIAL : HARSTON
KNIPTON : SALTBY : SPROXTON

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So the snow of Easter is finally over, and the sun is shining, and as the sun shines, so our spirits soar. Problems seem less pressing when soaked in a good dose of sunlight, and our hearts are uplifted as warmth seeps back into our houses and our bones.

So it's fitting that on 9th May we will celebrate the festival of the Ascension. This is the day, 40 days after Easter, when the church celebrates Jesus being taken up into Heaven. We will never know exactly what happened that day, but we need not worry about practicalities; rather we need to focus on what the Ascension tells us.

The Ascension of Jesus shows us that we can all transcend the apparent limitations of humanity. For Jesus, the Son of God, did not come to earth as some heavenly being, a shadow or cloud; he came as a human baby and grew into a man.

At his birth he showed us that God had come to earth to be with us; and at his Ascension he showed us, not only that he had returned to his rightful place with God, but that he had taken humanity with him.

After the Resurrection, Jesus appears many times to the disciples - talking, eating, walking. He is not a ghost or an angel, but a man, so when he ascends to heaven he is showing us that we too can follow: but surely Jesus was perfect, and we are sadly

lacking? Here we need to remember that Jesus' resurrection body was not perfect, but bore the scars of his crucifixion. That scarred body ascended to God, so we can be reassured that our imperfections, the scars of human life, will not bar us from ascending like Jesus.

We have a double comfort - the knowledge of Jesus with us, sharing our humanity; and the knowledge that we can transcend the limitations of that humanity.

If you have any doubt about this, go and kneel in a big church or cathedral and look up: or go and stand in a forest and look to the sky: or sit on the cliff top looking out over the ocean: or sit in your lounge and gaze up at the stars. Let yourself marvel that God, the creator of that vastness, came to be with a tiny human like you in the person of Jesus, and then Jesus opened the way for each tiny human to follow him into the heart of that vastness. To put it another way: God cares about each tiny detail of our lives, but also welcomes us, warts and all, into the wonder of his being. He is part of our smallness and we are part of His greatness.

To quote from the prayers I will say in church on Ascension Day: "He ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us, that where he is thither we might also ascend".

HALLELUJAH!

Would you please pass any items for June (by Sunday, 12th May, please) either to:
Nick Cooke (tel 01476 860745, email na.cooke1@gmail.com) or
Sue Watford (tel 01949 861256, email SueWatford@aol.com).

Copies of this newsletter can be found at
www.sproxtion.org.uk and www.saltbyvillage.co.uk.

IN THE PARISHES

BRANSTON	Churchwarden:	Edmund Robb, 870809 Susan Wells, 870240
Readers:	26th May	OT Susan Wells, NT Edmund Robb
Flowers/brasses:		Susan Wells/Sue Post
Cleaning:		Alice Robb
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CROXTON KERRIAL	Churchwardens:	Nalda Shipman, 870258 Barbara Jefferson, 870073
Readers:	5th May	OT Suzanne Pennells, NT Graham Hudson
Altar flowers:	12th May	Mrs A Fairbrother
	26th May	Mrs M Fraser
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HARSTON	Churchwardens:	William Hurrell, 870123 Barrie Grice, 870452
Readers:	26th May	OT William Hurrell, NT Barry Grice
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KNIPTON	Churchwarden:	Freda Hart, 01949 842732
		The Paschal Candle is in Knipton Church
Readers:	19th May	Edmund Robb
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SALTBY	Churchwardens:	Mrs S Hill, 860398 Mr D Tebb, 562019
Cleaning:	Mrs A Skinner and Mrs J Doona	
Flowers:	1st fortnight:	Mrs S Dow
	2nd fortnight	Mrs J Tebb
Visiting bellringers:	Tuesday, 28th May at 6.00 pm, Nottinghamshire Ringers	
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SPROXTON	Churchwardens:	William Ennis, 07584 255340 Malise Graham
		sproxtionchurchwardens@gmail.com
Readers:	5th May	OT Suzanne Jeffreys, NT Sue Dawson
	12th May	OT Malise Graham, NT Margaret Cooke
Cleaning & flowers		Tracey Bridges Webb and Lindsay Sweeney

PARISH NOTICES

CROXTON KERRIAL

Church graveyard. We have been asked to carry out a survey of unsafe headstones, and the following are names on memorials which require repair: *Tom Ironmonger, Thomas Fardell, Alfred Marriott, James Ward, Arthur Spencer, William Southern, Albert Heaven, Herbert Jackson, Elizabeth Tipping, Mary Letitia House, Alfred Marriott, John Durrands, Sidney Arthur Auther, Robert Knott, Thomas Bidson, John Gardner Wild, Thomas Wildman, Sarah Elizabeth Knott, Eliza Sessions, Sarah & Bernard Stannage, Tom Cokley, Richard Bursnall, E Mary Handley.* If you know of anyone on the list, will you please contact Mrs N Shipman on 01476 870258 for details.

SALTBY

Coffee morning. A coffee morning is held on the first Saturday of each month, from 10.00 to 11.30 am at the Saltby Methodist Community Centre. Everyone is welcome for a coffee and chat.

SPROXTON

Village Hall 50/50 Club Winners, March draw.

1st Miss V Graham (39) : 2nd Mr P Wright (71) : 3rd Mrs S Bagshaw (23)

Village Hall Lunch. Wednesday, 8th May, at 12.45 pm. Main course, dessert, tea/coffee for just £3. All welcome.

Village Hall Breakfast. Sunday, 26th May, 9.00 to 10.00 am. £3 per head or £10 per family. All welcome.

BENEFICE NOTICES

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Thursday, 9th May at 9.30 am in Croxton Kerrial church - with the school

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

On most Wednesdays of the month Rowena will celebrate Holy Communion in Croxton Kerrial church at 9.30 am. On the 4th Wednesday there will be another service, Matins or Morning Prayer, led by a parishioner.

HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITING

We would like to set up a team to visit people in their homes or in hospital. Please contact Rowena if you would like to join in.

DIVINE OFFICE

Rowena says the Divine Office (said, not sung) in Harston Church each Tuesday at 8.00 am. Do join her if you would like to.

BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP

On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Different members of the group host the meeting. If you would like to come, please contact Rowena or Nick for the venue for the next meeting.

MUMS & TOTS

Mums & Tots meet every Tuesday during term time from 9.00 to 11.00 am in Croxton Village Hall. £1 per session. All welcome! Further details from the Revd Rowena Bass on 01476 870749.

HIGH FRAMLAND WEB SITE

The new website is up and running at www.highframland.org.uk. If you have anything to be included, please email (na.cooke1@gmail.com) photos and text with a suggestion of where you would like it to go - new pages can be added.
It's your website!

	5th May Easter 6 White	12th May Easter 7 White	19th May Pentecost Red	26th May Trinity Sunday Gold/White
May 2013 Year C	Ezekiel 37 (1-14) Acts 16 (9-15) John 14 (23-29)	Ezekiel 36 (26-28) Acts 16 (16-34) John 17 (20-end)	Genesis 11 (1-9) Acts 2 (1-21) John 14 (8-17)(25-27)	Proverbs 8 (1-4)(22-31) Romans 5 (1-5) John 16 (12-15)
Branston				9.00 am Holy Communion
Croxton Kerrial	10.30 am Holy Communion		JOINT	
Harston			SERVICE	10.30 am Holy Communion
Knipton			at	9.00 am Holy Communion
Saltby			SPROXTON	10.30 am Holy Communion
Sproxtton	9.00 am Holy Communion		10.00 am	10.00 am Village Hall Service

**Sproxtton Village Hall service on 26th May:
Coffee and biscuits at 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am**

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